

Earl of Clancarty's ancestors were space invaders

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WILLIAM BRINSLEY LE POER TRENCH, the 8th Earl of Clancarty, reached a long way into history when he talked about his ancestors yesterday.

"They came from outer space about 65,000 years ago," he explained.

"It was then that the Earth was colonised by space travellers and we are all descended from them. This accounts for all the different colour skins we've got here. We all came from different planets."

The 69-year-old Earl offered his theory on the origin of the species when he went to London's Mount Royal Hotel for an international conference organised by the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association.

His Lordship is a vice-president of the association which is campaigning for the acceptance of "ufology" by the scientific establishment.

'Serious people'

Mr Leslie Bayer, the chairman, said the objective was to dispel "stereotyped tales of little green men" in favour of objective scientific research. "We are tired of people treating us as a joke. We are serious people and this is a serious subject."

Lord Clancarty, himself, was being very serious as he declared his faith in what is known as the "hollow Earth" theory.

Not all the UFOs come from outer space, he explained. Some originated from civilisations "quite a few miles down," under the Earth's crust. They come out through tunnels.

There were seven or eight entrances altogether. One was at the North Pole, another at the South Pole and others are in remote spots like Tibet.

"I haven't been down there myself, but from what I gather they are very advanced."

Lord Clancarty said that one expedition had managed to reach just such an underground settlement and discovered a modern city. "There were people down there and also robots, but of course no publicity was given to this—it's all part of the cover up."

No need to worry

There was however, no need to worry too much about the spacecraft, whether they came from other planets or from our own underground neighbours.

"I think most of the boys out there are friendly," said Lord Clancarty, pointing to the sky, "although I'm told there is one hostile lot."

Unhappily, he himself has

seen only one UFO. "It was an eerie white light zig-zagging over South Kensington. I had to climb into the kitchen sink to get a good look at it through the window."

Mrs Margaret Fry, from Bexleyheath, Kent, has been more lucky.

"I'm beginning to lose count but I think it's 32 so far," she said during the lunch break in the conference.

'Open your eyes'

Mrs Fry can describe in detail a variety of flying saucers and talks of some "very close encounters."

It all began for her in 1955 when the first saucer nearly landed on her head. Number 32 flew past as she was walking home from the hairdressers one night last February.

Has perhaps Mrs Fry been singled out for special study by these extra-terrestrial beings?

"Not at all," she said. "I'm just more observant than other people. Anyone can see them. You only have to open your eyes."

As evidence of this, Mrs Fry recalled how she spent several hours in Hyde Park watching no fewer than nine UFOs buzzing about overhead.

"There were lots of people sitting around on the grass and nobody else saw a thing in the sky. It just shows you how unobservant people can be."